

SENATE BILL 127

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
39-16-605, relative to escape.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-605, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) It is an offense for any lawfully confined person arrested for, charged with, or found guilty of a civil or criminal offense to escape from a penal institution, as defined in § 39-16-601.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-605, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) A Class A misdemeanor if the person was being held for a misdemeanor or civil offense; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.